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SUBJECT: MEASURES TO CONTROL ENTRY OF CHILEANS TO ECUADOR

1. ACCORDING TO UPI NEWS ITEM ORIGINATING LIMA, WHICH APPEARED SEPT 21 ON FRONT PAGE OF QUITO AFTERNOON DAILY, ECUADOREAN CONSUL GENERAL IN LIMA HUGO GOMEZ ICAZA TOLD UPI THAT ECUADOR HAD "PROHIBITED THE ENTRY OF CHILEANS OR FOREIGNERS PROCEEDING FROM CHILE" IN ORDER TO "PREVENT ELEMENTS OF THE EXTREME LEFT AND ANARCHISTS FLEEING CHILE FROM TRYING TO REACH ECUADOR." GOMEZ REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE AIRLINES HAD BEEN NOTIFIED NOT TO GIVE AN IMMIGRATION CONTROL CARD TO PERSONS COMING FROM CHILE EXCEPT IN CASES APPROVED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL, LIMA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, ECUADOREAN ACTING DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION DENIED THAT ANY RESTRICTION HAD BEEN PLACED ON ENTRY OF CHILEANS. CAREFULLY WORDED STATEMENT ISSUED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO DENIED THAT A "PROHIBITED OFFICIAL USE

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BITION" EXISTED FOR CHILEANS TO ENTER ECUADOR. ANY

CHILEAN OR FOREIGNER PROCEEDING FROM CHILE, THE STATE-MENT SAID, CAN COME TO ECUADOR AFTER OBEYING THE EXISTING LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING "OBTAINING THE CORRESPONDING VISA OR IMMIGRATION CONTROL CARD IN ECUADOREAN CONSULATES". THE STATEMENT ADDED THAT ECUADOREAN CONSULS WOULD "TAKE INTO ACCOUNT" BILATERAL TREATIES SUSPENDING THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS OR FOR TRANSIT PASSENGERS HOLDING ORDINARY PASSPORTS; SUCH A TREATY IS IN FORCE WITH CHILE.

3. ACCORDING TO BRANIFF MANAGER IN QUITO, GOE VERBALLY ASKED BRANIFF TO REFUSE PASSAGE TO CHILEANS LACKING ECUADOREAN VISAS. BRANIFF HAS SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO DATE TO HAVE THIS REQUEST PUT IN WRITING. THE GOE REQUIRED CHILEANS WHO ARRIVED WITHOUT VISAS ON BRANIFF'S SEPT 16 FLIGHT TO RETURN TO CHILE ON THE FIRST FLIGHT AVAILABLE. SINCE THEN BRANIFF HAS ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOE REQUEST.

4. COMMENT: ECUADOREAN VISA REQUIREMENTS EVIDENTLY HAVE BEEN TOUGHENED FOR CHILEANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS COMING FROM CHILE, THOUGH THE GOE HAS CHOSEN TO OBSCURE THE CHANGE OF POLICY. FORMERLY CHILEANS ROUTINELY GOT IMMIGRATION CONTROL CARDS ON THE PLANE AND TOURIST VISAS IN THE AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL.
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